

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS  
FOR THE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

In the Matter of  
Stephanie Joy Eich, CPA  
License No. 16338

FINDINGS OF FACT,  
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND  
RECOMMENDATION

The above-entitled matter was scheduled for a prehearing conference before Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Steve M. Mihalchick at 9:00 a.m. on August 10, 2000, at 125 Golden Rule Building, 85 East Seventh Place, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101.

Representing the Board of Accountancy ("the Board") was Bobby J. Champion, Assistant Attorney General, 525 Park Street, Suite 500, St. Paul, Minnesota 55103-2106. There was no appearance by or on behalf of Stephanie Joy Eich, the Respondent. The record closed on August 28, 2000 upon receipt of a letter from the Board.

NOTICE

This Report is a recommendation, not a final decision. The Board will make a final decision after a review of the record. The Board may adopt, reject, or modify the Findings of Fact, Conclusions, and Recommendations contained herein. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 14.61, the final decision of the Board shall not be made until this Report has been made available to the parties to the proceeding for at least ten days. An opportunity must be afforded to each party adversely affected by this Report to file exceptions and to present argument to the Board. Parties should contact Dennis J. Poppenhagen, Executive Secretary, Minnesota Board of Accountancy, 125 Golden Rule Building, 85 East Seventh Place, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55101, telephone (612) 296-7937, to ascertain the procedure for filing exceptions or presenting argument.

STATEMENT OF ISSUES

The issues in this contested case proceeding are whether the Respondent failed to respond to communications from the Board; failed to renew her license; failed to appear at a conference; failed to submit continuing education credits; or violated a statute or rule the Board is empowered to enforce, in violation of Minn. Stat. § 326.229, subd. 4(a)(1); and whether Respondent's conduct constitutes grounds for justifying the Board to condition, limit, suspend or revoke Respondent's license.

Based upon all of the proceedings herein, the Administrative Law Judge makes the following:

### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Notice of and Order for Prehearing Conference and Hearing in this matter was served upon the Respondent, Stephanie Joy Eich, at her last known address, by first class mail at 2230 W. Barry, Floor 1, Chicago, IL, 60618, on June 23, 2000.

2. The Notice of and Order for Prehearing Conference and Hearing mailed to the Respondent included the following notice after the sentence notifying Respondent of the time and location of the Prehearing Conference:

Respondent is hereby urged to attend. Respondent's failure to do so may prejudice Respondent rights in this matter and any subsequent proceedings, may result in the allegations contained herein being taken as true, and may be the basis for the revocation, suspension, or any other disciplinary action taken against Respondent's license.

3. The Respondent did not file any Notice of Appearance with the Administrative Law Judge or make any prehearing request for a continuance or any other relief. The Respondent did not appear at the prehearing conference scheduled for August 10, 2000, or have an appearance made on her behalf.

4. Because the Respondent failed to appear at the prehearing conference in this matter, she is in default. Pursuant to Minn. R. 1400.6000, the allegations contained in the Notice of and Order for Prehearing Conference and Hearing, with the exception of allegations Nos. 4 and 5, are hereby taken as true and incorporated into these Findings of Fact.

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Administrative Law Judge makes the following:

### CONCLUSIONS

1. The Board and the Administrative Law Judge have jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§ 14.50, 214.10, and 326.165 to 326.229 (1998).

2. The Board has given proper notice of the hearing in this matter and has fulfilled all relevant substantive and procedural requirements of law and rule.

3. The conduct described in the Notice of and Order for Prehearing conference and Hearing constitutes violations of Minn. Stat. §§ 326.20 and 326.229, subd. 4(a)(8); and Minn. R. pts. 1100.0600, 1100.1900, 1100.2200, 1100.3600, and 1100.6500.

Based upon the foregoing Conclusions, the Administrative Law Judge makes the following:

RECOMMENDATION

IT IS HEREBY RECOMMENDED: that disciplinary action be taken against the public accountant license of Stephanie Joy Eich.

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2000.

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STEVE M. MIHALCHICK  
Administrative Law Judge

NOTICE

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 14.62, subd. 1, the agency is required to serve its final decision upon each party and the Administrative Law Judge by first class mail.

Reported: Default.